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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of)
Kazim Ozbaysal) GAU: 1742
Ser. No. 09/900,411) Examiner: 11
Filed: July 6, 2001) Wessman
For: HEAT TREATMENT OF TITANIUM-ALLOY)
ARTICLE HAVING MARTENSITIC STRUCTURE)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action of August 22, 2002. Claims 1-21 are pending, and all claims stand rejected. In response, the following remarks are submitted. Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is requested.

Applicant has recently received the European search report for this case, and is submitting the references in an IDS mailed to the PTO. Applicant asks that the Examiner consider these new references in taking further action on the case.

Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 17, and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 103 as unpatentable over ASM Handbook Volume 2. Applicant traverses this ground of rejection.

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